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LB 33, 35, 173, 342, 421, 516

LB 421 to General File with amendments; LB 516, General File with amendments; and LB 173 indefinitely postponed, all signed by Senator Hartnett as Chair. (See pages 562-65 of the Legislative Journal.)

Appropriations offers notice of hearings for February 10 and February 16. Signed by Senator Warner. Natural Resources offers notice of hearings for Friday, February 10. Signed by Senator Schmit.

Your Enrolling Clerk has presented to the Governor bills read on Final Reading this morning, Mr. President. (Journal page 565 shows LB 33 and LB 35 were presented to the Governor.) That's all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Proceeding then to LB 342.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 342 was a bill introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee and signed by its members. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to the Health Committee for hearing, advanced to General file. I do have committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Committee amendments on 342, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, this bill was brought to us by the Health and Human Services Committee. It comes from a working group that was formed after the end of the last session, the Medical Association, the Health Department, the osteopaths of the state, to update osteopathic law in Nebraska. Osteopaths are a medical profession that has evolved over the years to be very similar in terms of training and preparation for practice as physicians are. It is a different philosophy but they frequently go to the same medical schools and have the same background. The committee amendments which are technical in nature simply clarify the references in the bill. The bill itself deals with updating the references to osteopaths. They will now be referred to as osteopathic physicians and osteopath physicians and surgeons, depending on the circumstance. That's the sum and substance of the bill and the committee amendments are needed to clarify some drafting errors. I would ask for the adoption of the amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Any discussion on the adoption of the committee amendments? If not, those in favor of